

## NOT GLAD, NOR SAID.

You sang a little song to-day—  
It was not sad, it was not gay—  
The very theme was high and low.  
Two lovers met, as lovers may;  
They had not met—since yesterday;  
They must not meet again—till morn!  
And did they meet again, my dear?  
Did morning come and find them here  
To see each other's eyes again?  
Alas! on that you are not clear:  
For hearts will shift as winds will veer,  
And love can veer like any vane.  
Ah! no, I think some sudden-craze,  
Some bitter spite befel their days;  
What was that plaintive minor key?  
No more together lie their ways;  
Remote, perhaps, the lover strays—  
Perhaps the lady comes no more.  
So strange the numbers sob and swell;  
No; there's no guessing what befell.  
It is the sweetest song you sing;  
Not sad, and yet—I cannot tell;  
Not glad, and yet—'tis very well—  
Like love, like life, like anything.  
—Macmillan's Magazine.

## A Priest Who Was With Ney.

"Were you with Ney's army when he turned it over to Napoleon?"  
"I was, and I will remember the day that Ney's act of treachery took place. Ney's and the straggling army of Napoleon met at Olee bridge, better known at the time as the bridge of the Holy Ghost. Napoleon's army was encamped a few miles from the bridge, opposite our lines. The morning after the encampment we saw some flags of truce in advance of Napoleon's army and it was then that the men began to suspect Ney's plans, but the suspicions were not even whispered. Soon the flags disappeared and Ney gave orders to prepare for an attack and marched on to the bridge. When we reached the opposite side of the bridge we noticed about a dozen men advancing from Napoleon's army on horseback, bearing flags of truce. Our army, which, all told, did not exceed 20,000 men, came to a halt. The men on horseback advanced and the center one of the group proved to be Napoleon himself. At sight of him Ney and his staff dismounted. Napoleon also dismounted and was warmly embraced by Ney and his officers. Of course a shout in honor of Napoleon went up from our ranks. Well, history has recorded the rest. We were forced to combine with Napoleon's army of boys between the ages of 10 and 20 years and go on to Waterloo and defeat."—Father Neyron in Chicago Tribune.

## How to Use Pianos in Summer Time.

In the hot weather a piano should not be placed in a damp room or left open in a draft of air, for dampness is the most dangerous enemy. It causes the strings and tuning-pins to rust and the cloth used in the construction of the keys of action to swell, whereby the mechanism will move sluggishly or often stick together. Continued dampness will also injuriously affect the varnish and raise the soft fibers of the sounding-board, thus forming ridges. Extreme heat is scarcely less injurious. A piano should be closed when not in use, in order to prevent the accumulation of dust, pins, etc., on the sounding-board, and yet it should be opened occasionally and daylight allowed to strike the keys; otherwise the ivory may turn yellow. An India rubber or cloth cover should protect the instrument from bruises or scratches. Moths may be kept out of a piano by a lump of camphor wrapped in soft paper placed in the inside cover. A new piano should be tuned at least once every two or three months during the first year, and at longer intervals thereafter.—New York Mail and Express.

## Profits of the Book Trade.

The public being level-headed in business affairs, it is not surprising that out of five millions of readers only five thousand at the utmost are willing to pay \$1.50 for what should not cost over 50 cents. The trade are well satisfied with such small sales, since the "get up" of a \$1.50 novel does not cost more than 20 cents a copy, or \$1,000 for 5,000 copies; for these the public pays \$7,500 or a clear profit of \$6,500 on the \$1,000 invested. Of this profit the author receives only \$750, the remaining \$5,750 are what the trade make out of his brains, time and labor.

To get the same amount of profit out of a 50-cent edition the trade would be obliged to handle nearly 30,000 copies; but then the author's royalty, if only ten cents a copy, would be nearly \$3,000; a fact of no concern to the trade, so long as they can make as much out of 5,000 copies at \$1.50, as out of 30,000 at 50 cents.—Cor. Philadelphia Times.

## Immature Meat is Unwholesome.

Immature meat is unhealthy for two reasons; first, it contains no nourishing elements, and consequently only relieves the symptom of hunger without actually recuperating the system; second, it is extremely indigestible, rolling up into masses in the stomach, and not disintegrating, like the fibrous flesh from older animals. A child's stomach is quite unable to cope with a piece of bob veal; in its violent efforts to remove the offending substance nature not infrequently removes the little sufferer.

Bob veal is the meat of a calf under four weeks old, the great bulk of that seized in New York, however, is from a few hours to three days old.—Dr. Cyrus Edson in the Forum.

## Found in History Books.

If the Atlanta Constitution is perennially veracious, the following must be accepted as truth: "Some time ago a teacher in charge of a school in a west Georgia county was approached by a pupil and requested to explain the meaning of '49 B. C.' The teacher read the sentence in which the hieroglyphics occurred, and observed that it referred to an incident that had taken place in a remote period. 'Ahem!' he said, 'then fingers at' their letters is frequently found in history books. You see, a long time ago, folks didn't know's much's we do, and they sorter guessed at dates. Now, '49 B. C.' means '49 'bout correct.'—Exchange.

## Proverb vs. Proverb.

Father—I wish, John, you could be contented to settle down and live like other people, and not go roving all over the country. You must remember that "a rolling stone gathers no moss."  
Son—True enough, governor, but a "settling hen never gets fat."

## Destruction by Spiders.

Dr. C. Keller, of Zurich, finds reason for believing that spiders destroy more aphids, and insect enemies of trees than do all the insect eating birds.—Arkansas Traveler.

Confucius declared that a man's character is decided not by the number of times that he falls, but by the number of times that he lifts himself up.

## CHILDREN OF THE CHINESE.

Joaquin Miller Talks About the Little Celestials—Affectionate Creatures.

To one who has seen all the world, there is not so much that is picturesque in the Chinese colony here; and I could not truthfully indorse nearly all that enthusiastic tourists say of either their shrewdness or interest in any way. For example, as a lack of common sense, they have marble and stone seats in one of their big stores here, to accommodate customers. The best and biggest of these stone seats have marble backs. Enough to paralyze the spine of a white man—even a Chinaman, I should think—in five minutes. And I could go through the colony here all day, and pick out dozens of like exhibitions of a low order of common sense.

Some color is to be found here, and that is a relief to the eye which has to put up with the mournful dress of the average American, after a residence in Mexico. But it is not very picturesque. The pig-tail is simply repulsive. And a Christian Chinaman who had his hair cut is hardly more attractive. His coarse, thick Tartar hair is perhaps at its best when closely shaven and tied up in a cue, after all. As for the rolling, lolling, lazy and hideously helpless Chinese women, I know of no object to which you can safely apply that much used and much abused word, disgusting, as to one of these pitiful and totally insane creatures.

The one real and uninterrupted delight here is the Chinese children. They are not very numerous; but they are bright, wonderfully full of fun, and very beautifully dressed. There is a confusion of sex, however. Did I ever tell you that a Mexican boy baby puts on his little pantaloons the day he is born and wears them right along? Well, the babies of both sexes here seem to do that, so far as I can find out.

It is worth while any day to climb the hill into the heart of San Francisco, and half way to the top, to see these children run and tumble and laugh and play in their peculiar and highly colored clothes, just like other children. They have not much room, but they are chock full of heart and light spirits, and make the most of what little room they have in their narrow streets. Like a little donkey or a little ducky, the Chinaman is at his best, so far as personal levity goes, when he is very small.

No trouble seems to come this way for these kittenish little heathens, these curious little citizens, tumbling around under the legs of their sedate sires up here on the pleasant hill overlooking the glorious bay and all the battle ships. The boycott and the Chinese question are terms which I reckon they have never heard. And whatever may be tied up for them in their uncertain future, let them shout out the spirit of play that is in them now to the full. Care will come soon enough to our colored citizens of Asiatic descent.

The Chinese parent is the most affectionate I ever saw among all the nations of the earth. And this may be in part because the children are not numerous here; but it is no guess work to say that it is largely because the child reveres the parent. To see a little fellow quit his play suddenly and run and lay his little red or yellow silk head up against his adoring father, as he stands on the sidewalk watching him, is funny, if not affecting.—Joaquin Miller in Chicago Times.

The Little Girl of To-Day.  
A handsome, well-formed girl of 12 years who is elaborately dressed three or four times a day, whose only chaperon seems to be her maid, who walks the veranda of a large hotel with the savoir faire of the woman of the world, who sees her bed usually at 12 o'clock, who donates her stockings as a souvenir to her boy lovers, and who, with more self-possession than sweetness, is quite capable of asking for the best place in the dance at the table, can not, will not grow into the sort of woman that one would want boys to marry; and yet this is the typical small girl. I quite believe that she comes usually of the nouveau riche, for people who are really good form do not cast their children upon the dangerous waters of public parlors in large hotels. Good, strong, hearty, healthful children in picturesque clothes—for they do not need to be ugly to be proper—give pleasure to everybody; but "Frou-Frou" in miniature, like an imitation of a puppet, is to be frowned upon derided, and eventually driven from position, because she is neither good for the present nor does she promise better for the future.—New York Star.

The "Rag Doctor" of Berlin.  
The Berliners are greatly exercised over the person of an American whom they contemptuously nickname "the Rag Doctor," but whom they envy most cordially. According to Berlin reports, this individual is neither more nor less than an American physician to whom the government at Washington has entrusted the important charge of overseeing the disinfection of all the rags exported from Europe (to the United States). His stamp alone will allow them to land on American soil. According to the same rumor, he is believed to receive the round salary of \$20,000 from his government, besides a fee of 65 pfennigs from the exporter of every bale of rags he inspects, the daily number of which is computed at about 400. This and the salary together would give the "rag doctor" an annual income almost equal to that of the president. It seems remarkable that thus far little or nothing has been heard of anxious competitors for so snug a berth.—Foreign Letter.

Saved by the "Frost Bell."  
The frost bell is doubtless the means of saving many tons of grapes in the northern portions of California, where the frost sometimes does so much damage. It consists of a wire running from different parts of the vineyard to the house. On the vineyard end of the wire is an apparatus that rings a bell at the house when the thermometer descends to a certain degree. When the bell is let off the occupants of the house know that their vines are in danger and immediately repair to the vineyard and light fires in different quarters, and thus prevent, through the agency of this ingenious electrical device, the loss of tons of the most luscious fruit grown on the Pacific coast.—Chicago Herald.

The Northernmost Edition.  
The man who claims the distinction of being the northernmost editor in the world is L. Moller, who edits the illustrated Esquimaux paper, Atuagaglutit, published at Godthaab on the west coast of Greenland, 64 degrees north latitude.

A Pittsburg colored woman was heard informing a neighbor that the last storm frightened her so that she "shook like an ashpain."

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